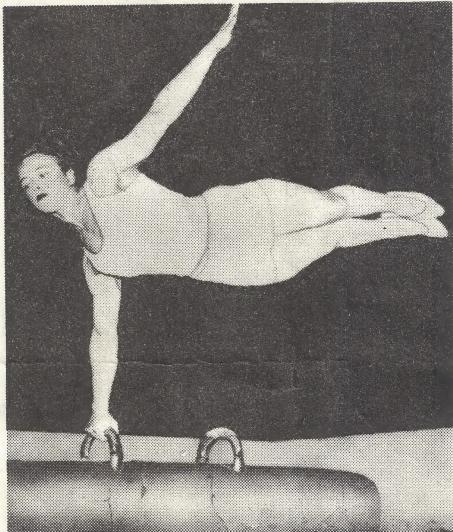


# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



**PEARL PERKINS NIGHTINGALE  
- CLASS OF 1932**

Pearl Perkins Nightingale was the Mary Lou Retton of her day. As a member of the Philadelphia Turners Gymnastic Championship team of Philadelphia, Middle Atlantic States and the National A.A.U., she was all around champion in 1937-1941-1943; champion side horse and vault 1941-1943; champion parallel bars 1937-1941-1943; first place on still and flying rings 1943. She was picked to go to the 1936 Olympics but because of the political turmoil in Germany, her parents would not let her go. She has held many coaching positions which include Phila. Turners Athletic Club, Somerton Springs Swim Club, Kensington High School and was with the Phila. Department of Recreation from 1961 to 1979.



**NICK CARCHIDI  
- CLASS OF 1950**

Nick was an outstanding football & baseball player at Southern. In 1949 he was the high scorer in the Public League, scoring four touchdowns in one game. He was selected on the all league team & was voted on the second team all scholastic. After high school, Nick played semi-pro football with the Philadelphia Italians. He also played softball with some of the top independent teams in the Delaware Valley.



**EUGENE "SONNY" KANE  
- CLASS OF 1950**

Kane was a bruising offensive & defensive end on the 1949 football team and was honored by selection on the All-Public team. He was active in student government & this served him as training for his bright political career since he became the first mayor of Upper Darby Twp. in 1976, the largest Twp. in the United States. Considered an authority on drug abuse among young people, he has authored two books on the subject. He received a Presidential appointment to the U.S. Department of Education Regional Representative in Region II.

## 'Mex' Siani, 68; coached football teams to titles

By Burr Van Atta  
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Anthony A. "Mex" Siani, 68, who coached football teams to titles at Bok and South Philadelphia High Schools, died yesterday at Pennsylvania Hospital. He lived in South Philadelphia, where he was born and raised.

A teacher for 30 years, he led his teams to two Public League championships at Bok and three at Southern. The city title came, too, with his Bok team against North Catholic in 1950, and with Southern against West Catholic in 1962.

His teams put together 202 victories during his career.

He retired from coaching in 1976 but taught at Southern for an additional two years. He also served as president of the Teachers Credit Union.

A graduate of South Philadelphia High, he earned a degree at Temple University, where he played baseball, basketball and football and boxed. He graduated in 1942 and

promptly was ordered to active duty with the Army. He was assigned to the infantry.

Lt. Siani earned two battle stars for his part in some of the bloodiest fighting in the Pacific. Saipan was the place that put his 27th Division — "The Fighting Irish" — to its toughest test.

When the last battle was over, the platoon leader was selected by his enlisted men to play shortstop on their ball team. He was the only officer invited to play. In the spring of 1945, he helped make the team a contender for the division pennant.

When he returned to Philadelphia, he stayed active in the Army Reserve. He retired with the rank of major six years ago.

He grew up in a musical family. His father, Severino Siani, was a member of the Philadelphia Orchestra for 26 years. A brother, Charles, played bass with the San Francisco Orchestra.

Though he took up the violin, sports and teaching and working

with young people held his interest.

He went to Bok in 1948 as a physical education teacher. Coaching followed. He "went back home" to Southern in 1958 and stayed to become as much a part of the community in South Philadelphia as Pat's Steaks and the Mummers.

Along the way, he played a little sandlot football as well. He played halfback with the Eastern Conference Shamrocks for five years. Sportswriters called him "Mex" for reasons no one could remember last night.

The nickname stuck.

Surviving are his wife, Jennie Covello Siani; son, Anthony T.; daughter, Adele Zebrowski; four grandchildren, and a brother, Charles.



Anthony A. Siani